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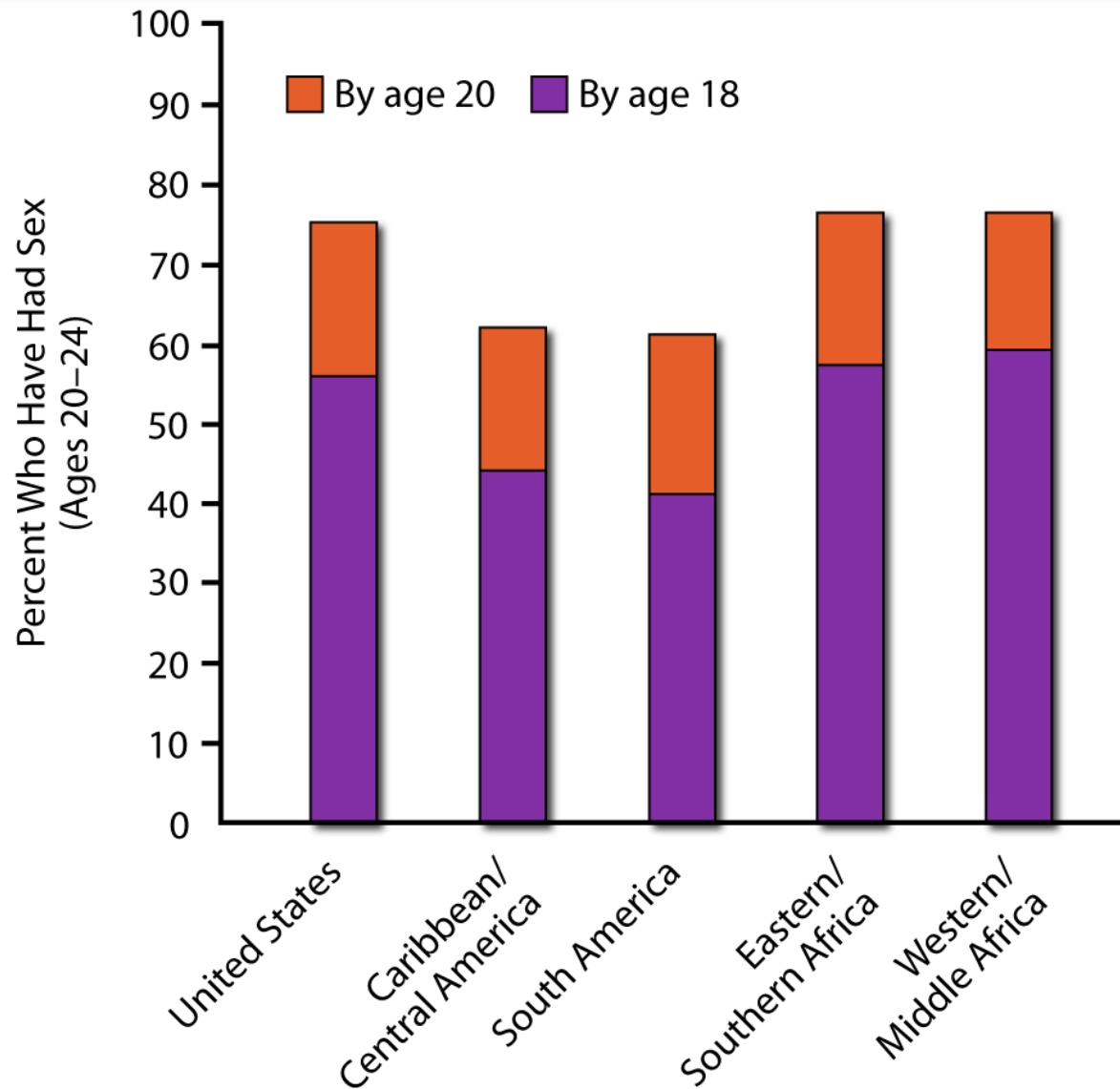


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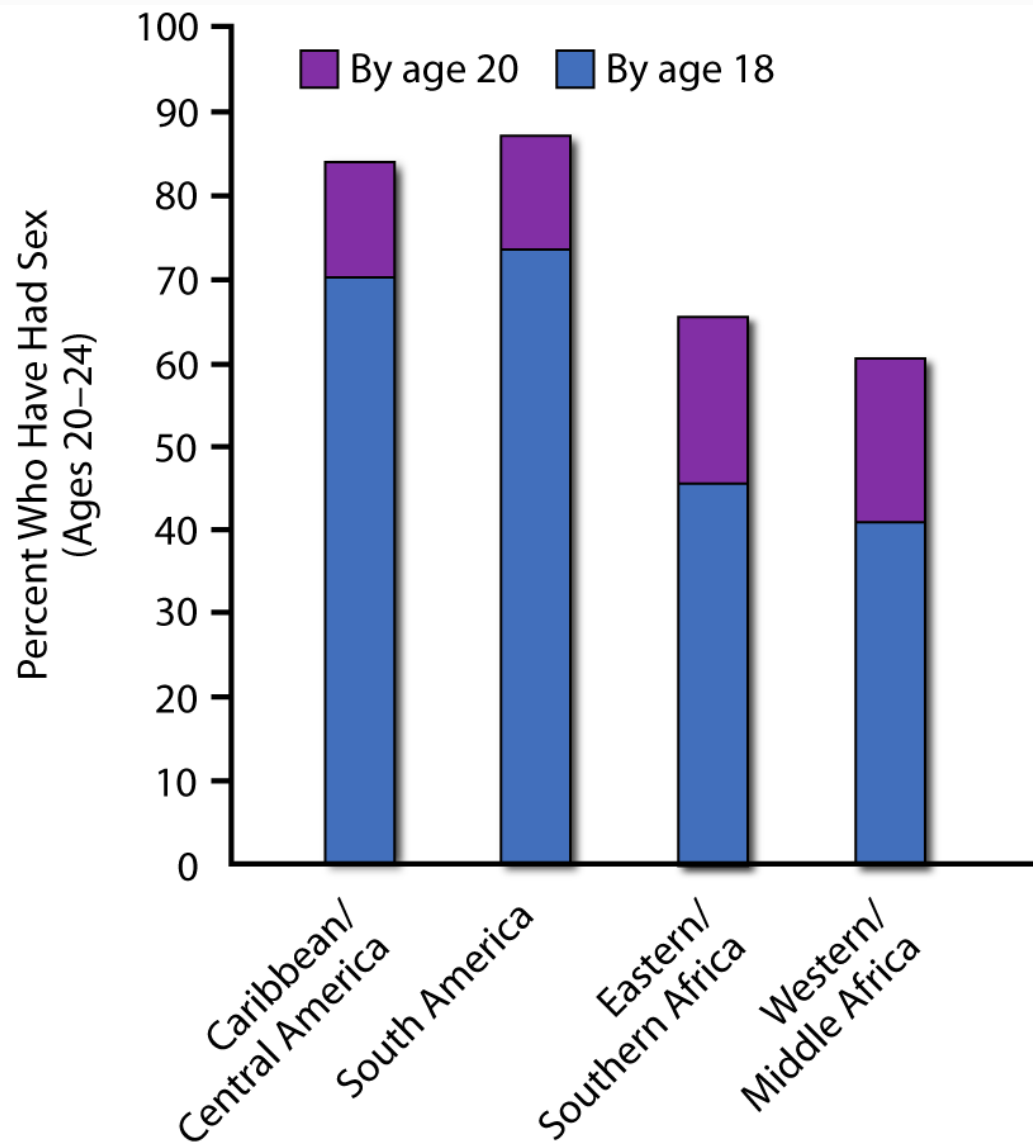
Section B

The International Experience

Sexual Debut During Adolescence Is the Norm for Females

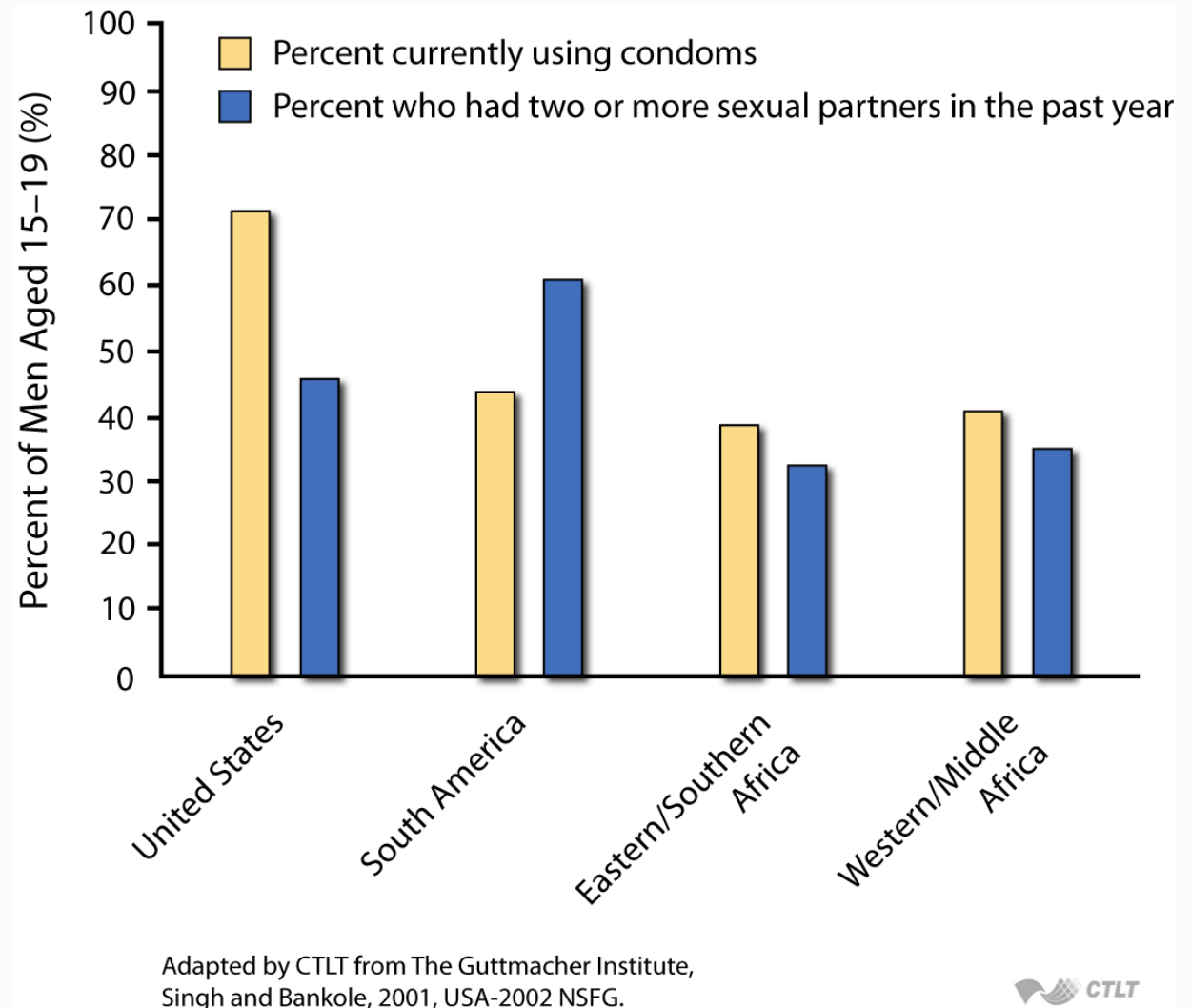


And for Males as Well



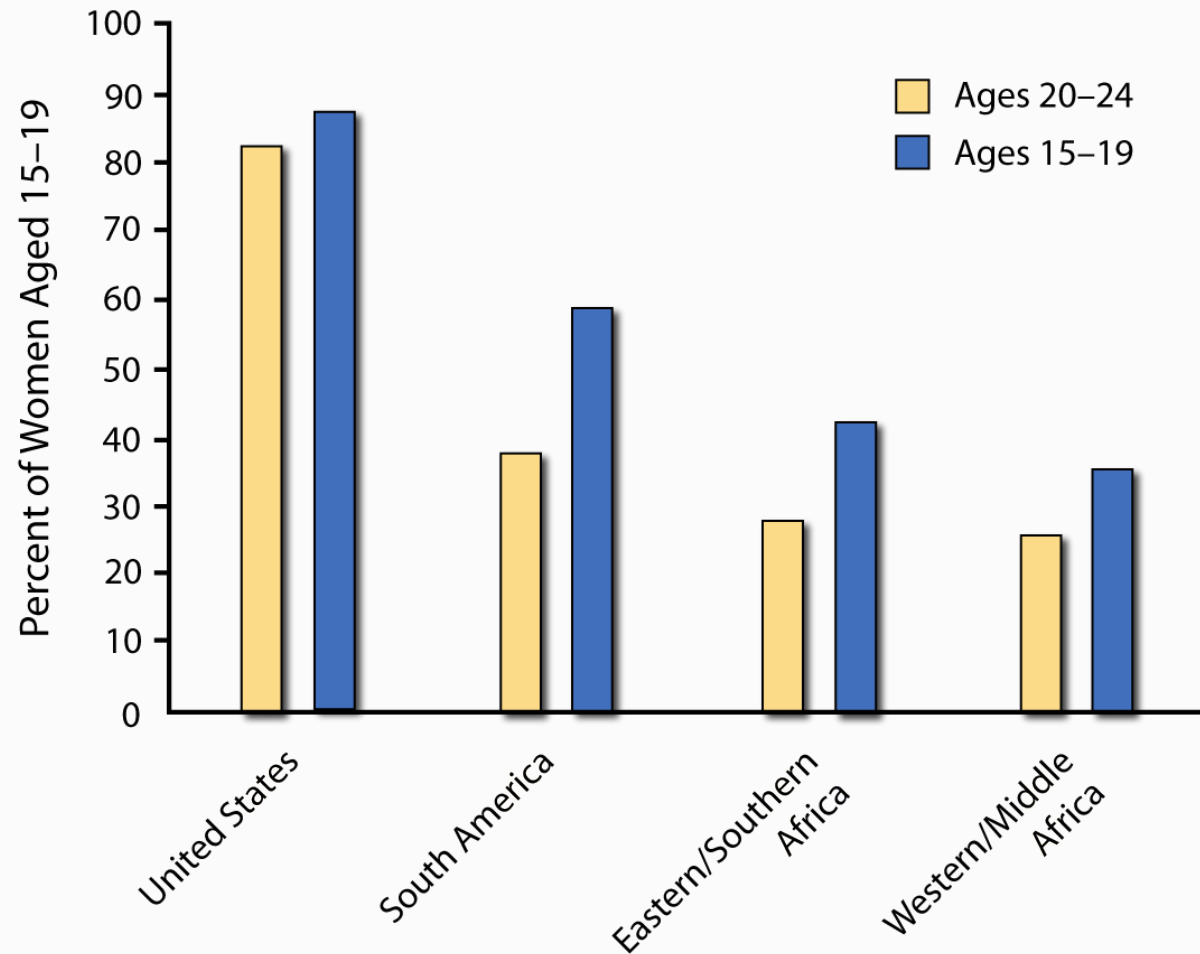
Contraception

- Many unmarried, sexually active men have two or more partners in a year



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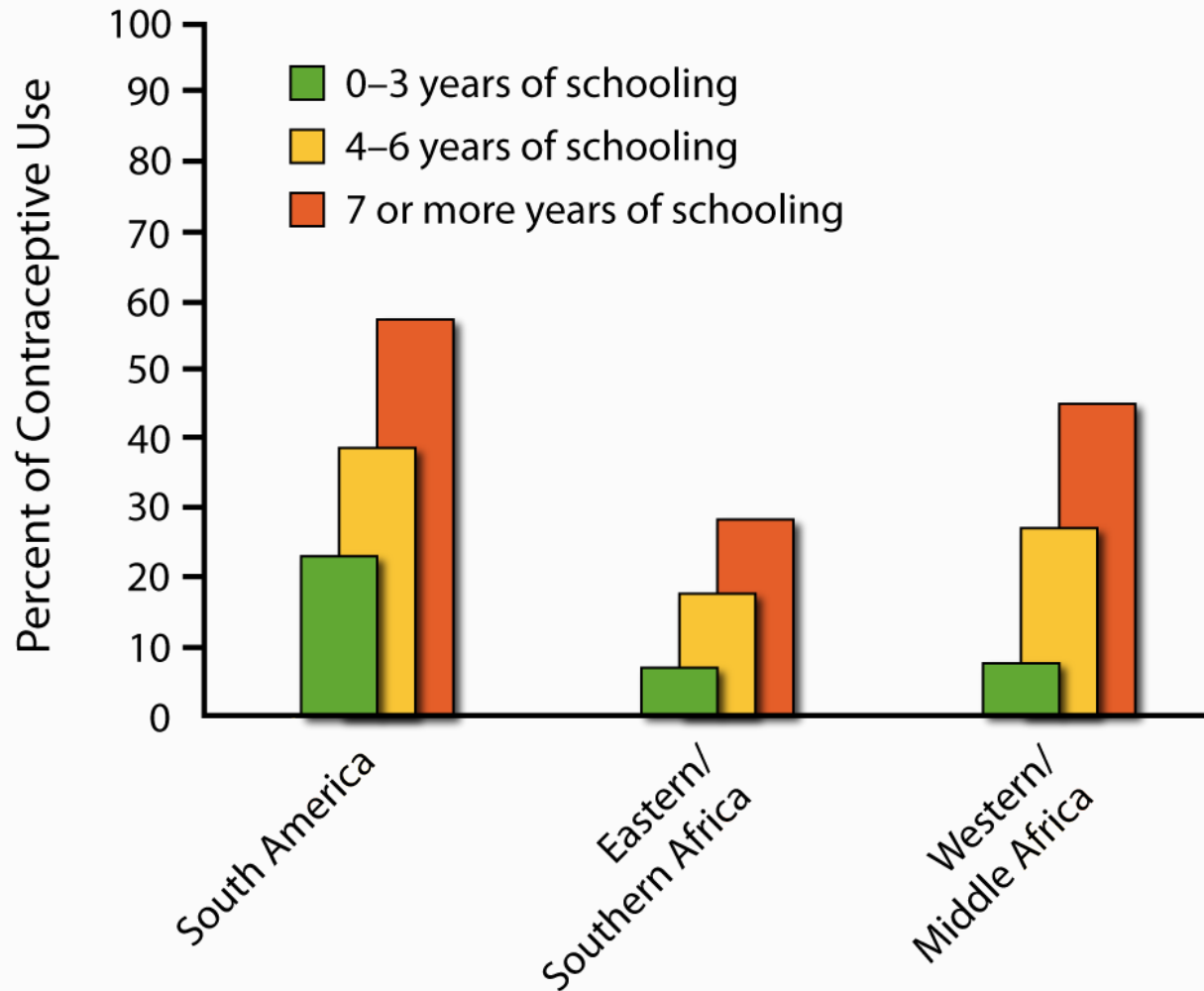
- Use of contraception is low among unmarried, sexually active young women in developing countries



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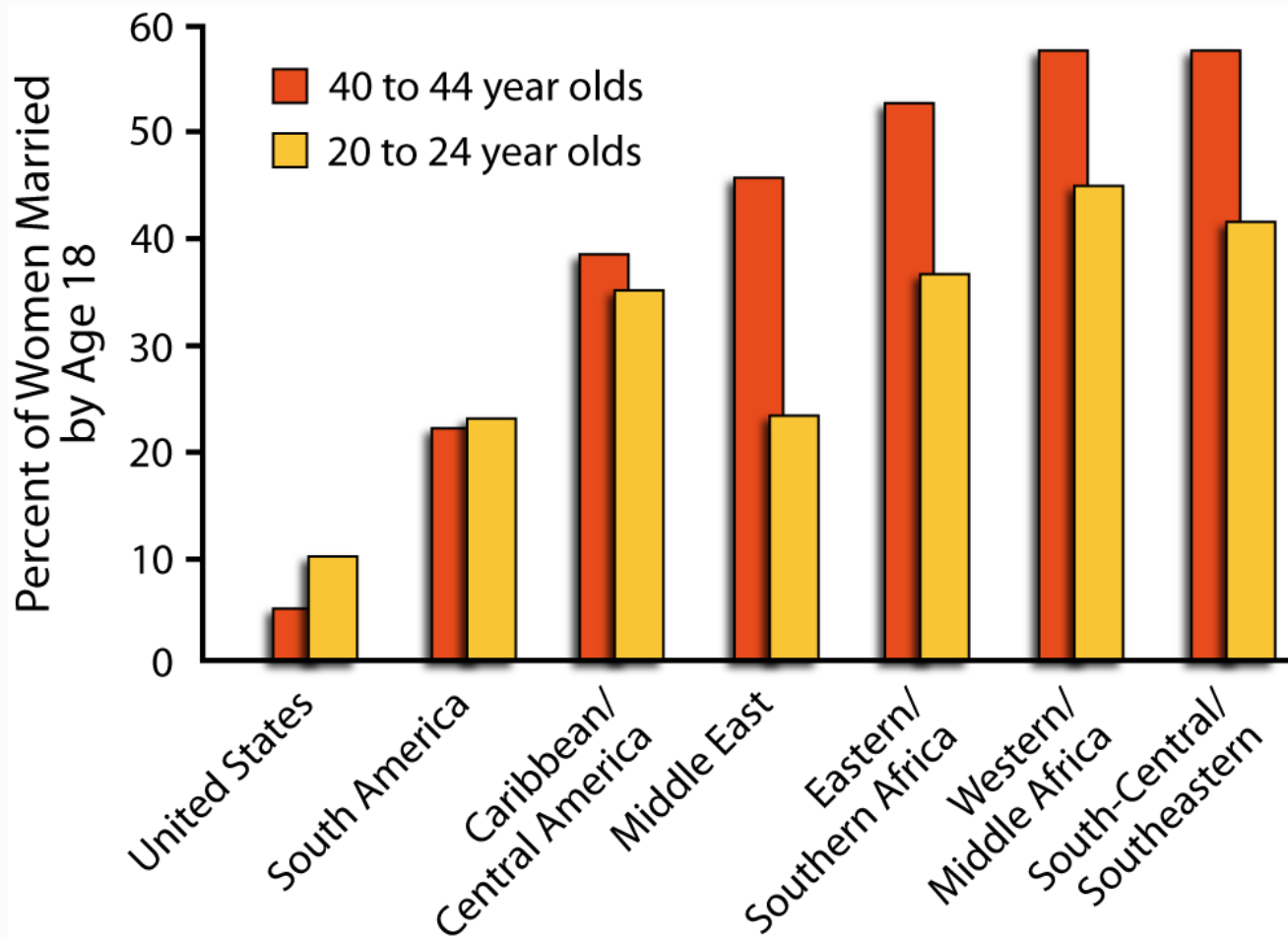
Contraceptive Use Increases as Education Increases



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Trends in Percent of Women Married by Age 18

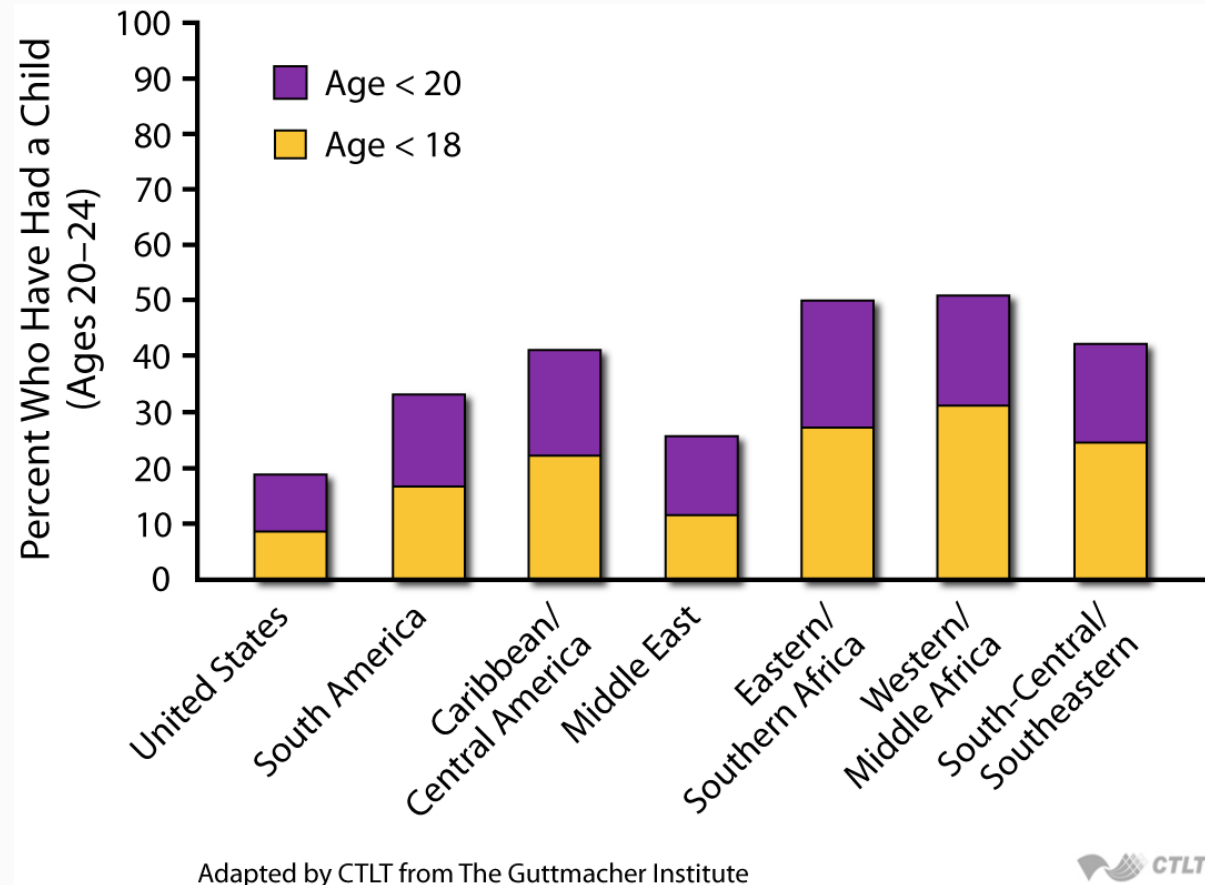


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Adolescent Mothers

- 1/3 to 1/2 of women in developing regions become mothers during adolescence
- 20–24% had a child



Key Points: Sex and Marriage

- Marriage is occurring later for women
 - But overall, marriage delays have *not* led to a delay in the age of sexual initiation
- Students are *less likely* to have had sex than non-students
- Students are *more likely* to use contraception than non-students
- First sex is increasingly likely to occur prior to marriage
- Multiple sexual partnering is common

Key Points: Becoming a Parent

- Age at parenthood is rising, but adolescent motherhood is still common
- 90% of births or more occur within marriage
- Large proportions of married adolescent women report that they do not want the births they have had

Key Points: Becoming a Parent

- Unsafe abortion is an important health problem
 - Especially for unmarried adolescents, even though contraceptive use is increasing
- Maternal mortality and morbidity are still among the most significant health risks for young women